

CLARA BLOODGOOD
COMMITTS SUICIDEEnds Life with Bullet in a
Baltimore Hotel.

AUDIENCE IN WAITING

Crowd Fills Theater as Actress
Fires Fatal Shot.

Planned to End Her Life with the
Greatest Care and Determination,
Although Retaining Her Gay Spir-
its in the Presence of Others—Mo-
tive for Act a Deep Mystery.
Played in Washington Last Week.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—While the au-
dience was pouring into the Academy of
Music to see Clara Bloodgood in "The
Truth," the actress blew out her brains
in the fashionable Hotel Stafford, in
North Charles street, to-night.

It seems a strange coincidence that
Mrs. Bloodgood should end her life in
Baltimore, the very city in which, in her
last play, she was supposed to go when
her troubles had become too great for
her to bear. In the play, she returns
to her father in the Monumental City,
and there, before the inevitable pri-
vate ending, she expresses a desire that
she might die. It may have been the psy-
chological influence of this situation that
led her to make the culmination of her
forlorn hope a reality in this place.

It all came with such suddenness that
the friends of the aristocratic and three-
married actress are dumfounded. Why
this beautiful and talented woman should
place a revolver in her mouth and pull
the trigger is a mystery, but a letter she
left for her husband, now on his way
here from New York, may explain her
death.

The only explanation offered to-night
is that of her manager, John Emerson,
who says he believes Mrs. Bloodgood was
overworked and on the verge of
nervous collapse. He scouts the idea that
the death Wednesday night of H. O.
Havemeyer, her first husband, had any-
thing to do with it.

Gay Throughout the Day.
Mrs. Bloodgood had been in gay spirits
all day. During the afternoon she and
members of her company formed a box
party at the Lyceum, to see "Society and
the Bulldogs." After the performance she
returned to her rooms at the Hotel Staff-
ord for dinner, and to get ready for the
night performance.

As she did not appear with her usual
promptness, a bellboy was sent to her
room, at 7:30 o'clock. She was then late
for the performance, and the house was
filling. The boy rapped and got no re-
sponse; then he inserted a pass key and
opened the door.

He saw Mrs. Bloodgood entirely dis-
robed, standing in the center of the room.
The negro closed the door quickly. Then
he knocked and called again, getting no
response.

Bellboy Heard Shots.
As he was hesitating what to do, he
heard a revolver shot from the room.
Frightened, he darted downstairs to the
desk, and reported to the chief clerk,
Nelson, who sent for Manager Downs.
They went to Mrs. Bloodgood's room,
and opened the door.

They found that Mrs. Bloodgood had
put on a silk kimono, and, lying full
length on her back on the bed, had opened
her mouth and fired a bullet into her
brain.

Her arms were folded across her bosom
and between them had dropped the re-
volver. Three chambers were empty. One
bullet had missed and was imbedded in
the ceiling. The second bullet had been
fired. The third went through her
brain and out the top of her skull. She
had rammed the revolver as far in her
mouth as she could get it, and pulled the
trigger, tearing the flesh horribly.

Had Barred Her Door.
While Mrs. Bloodgood was arranging to
end her life, her company was dressed
and ready to go on at the Academy of
Music. Worried at her delay, Manager
Emerson telephoned to the Stafford. He
was connected with the phone in Mrs.
Bloodgood's room. He could get no an-
swer. Then he called the hotel office
again and told them to send some one to
her room.

It was this message that led to the
sending of the bellboy to see what was
the matter. When Manager Downs went
to the room after the bellboy reported
that he had heard a pistol shot, he found
that Mrs. Bloodgood had barricaded the
door with a trunk.

Carefully Planned to Die.

While she was one of the gayest in
the theater party and at dinner at the
Hotel Stafford, Mrs. Bloodgood had de-
liberately planned to die. Last Monday
she bought a 32-caliber Smith & Wesson
hammerless revolver in a downtown
store, and inquired how to shoot it. To-
day or yesterday, she called up the gun
store on the telephone, stating that she
had forgotten the instructions given her,
and had the revolver dealer repeat the
instructions to her.

On the bureau in her room were found
prints such as physicians use in the study
of anatomy, indicating that she had been
studying up the location of the brain or
a susceptible spot into which to fire a
bullet.

Sent Letter to Husband.

Late this afternoon she mailed two
special delivery letters, and at 6 o'clock
sent off a telegram to her husband, Wil-
liam Lamhair, of New York, which read:
"Go to the Knickerbocker Trust Com-
pany, secure my contract with Shubert,
and give it to Jacobs (a lawyer) on
Broadway."

On the bureau in her room was found
a blood-stained letter addressed to her
husband.

Announcement of the suicide was not
made to the audience which had gather-

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LEADER IN POLITICS.



Mr. Elmer Dover,
Secretary of the Republican National Committee
meets here today to select place of holding
national convention.

INSANE MAN SHOTS THREE.

Delegation Waiting to See Governor
Guilty Victims of Maniac.

Boston, Dec. 5.—While Gov. Guild
was entertaining a delegation in his
private office at the State house this
afternoon an insane man, named John
A. Steele, entered the public reception
room and emptied his revolver into a
delegation of labor men waiting to see
the governor.

Edward Cohen was shot through the
head and fatally wounded, Dennis Driscoll
was shot through the head and
dangerously wounded, and A. M. Hud-
dell was slightly wounded in the head.
Steele was overpowered. He had been an
inmate of two insane asylums, and what
prompted his act is not known, but it
is not believed that he intended to
kill the governor.

ALL ARE FOR MR. BRYAN.

Illinois Democracy United for the
First Time in Years.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—William Jennings
Bryan's arrival in Chicago to-morrow
will be made the occasion for a great
Illinois Democratic love feast. For the
first time in years the Democrats of the
State will be shown to be united on a
Presidential candidate. Representatives
of every faction will call on Mr. Bryan
and assure him of loyal support.

At the Troquois Club's luncheon and at
the reception in the Grand Pacific Hotel
Mr. Bryan will meet leaders of the most
radical and of the most conservative
Democratic faction who supported Parker
four years ago, and men who supported
Hearst, single tax advocates, and sur-
vivors of the gold Democratic bolt. The
extremes of Democratic faith will meet
to honor the Nebraskan.

SENATOR A GRANDFATHER.

Son Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed Knox
at the Smoky City.

A press dispatch from Pittsburg last
night says:

"Senator Philander C. Knox is a grand-
father. The first grandchild of the Knox
line arrived last evening at the home of
Reed Knox, the eldest son of the Senator,
in the Bellefield dwelling. The babe has
already been christened Philander Chase
Knox third."

"The mother and father of the infant
have been married a little more than a
year. She was Miss Elizabeth McCook, of
Allegheny, and her romantic elopement
from the home of her grandmother, with
whom she was stopping in Washington
during the fall of last year, is still a
much talked of event in Capital society."

"The boy weighed seven pounds at birth,
and mother and child are doing well."

MONEY ALL PAID BACK.

Gov. Warner Admits Having Bor-
rowed from Chelsea Bank.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 5.—Gov. Warner,
when asked whether he had borrowed
money from State Treasurer Glazier's
Chelsea Bank previous to the 1906 gub-
ernatorial campaign, and if he had paid
the money back when he saw the Glazier
crash coming, said:

"To that question I have not the slight-
est hesitation in stating that long before
the campaign of 1906 I got a loan of
\$5,000 or \$6,000 from the Chelsea Bank,
which was reduced by payments three or
four different times, and paid in full on
my first information that the bank needed
the money, which was only a few
days ago."

CRUSADE AGAINST LOTTERY.

Thus Far \$50,000 Worth of Tickets
Have Been Seized in Havana.

Havana, Dec. 5.—The postal department
is carrying on an active campaign against
the Madrid Christmas Lottery, tickets
for which are in great demand here.
Thus far \$50,000 worth have been seized.
Gov. Magoon to-day celebrated his
forty-sixth birthday. He gave a quiet
dinner at the palace.

HETTY GREEN TO TESTIFY.

Wealthy Woman to Aid Miss Lewis
in Proving Herself Sane.

New York, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Hetty Green,
America's wealthiest woman, is expected
to testify to-morrow as to the sanity of
Miss Mary E. Lewis, an aged woman,
who, having obtained her release from
Bloomington Asylum, is fighting to main-
tain her freedom. The case is being
tried before a sheriff's jury in Brooklyn.

Miss Lewis, who has an income of \$30,-
000 a year, says that Mrs. Green knows
her intimately and will vouch for her
sanity. Admitting that she herself is
eccentric, persons think Mrs. Green herself
is eccentric, so that they understand one
another well.

Upon her indignant protests, when spec-
tators laughed during her testimony to-
day, several persons were excluded from
the hearing.

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ANTI-TAFT FACTION
PREFERS CHICAGOWants National Convention
Held There.

LOWDEN MAKES OFFER

National Committee Begins Its
Sessions To-day.

Republican Politicians Who Have
Candidates Seeking to Wrest Con-
trol from Supporters of Secretary
of War—Have Plans Made—Denver
and Kansas City in Race—President
Said Not to Be a Factor Now.

With Kansas City showing certified
checks for \$5,000, Denver promising \$100,-
000 and a seating capacity of 14,000, Chi-
cago entered the race suddenly last night,
when Col. Frank O. Lowden, member
of Congress and delegate from Illinois,
submitted a proposition guaranteeing the
expenses of the subcommittee on arrange-
ments and a seating capacity of 14,000 in
the Coliseum to take the next Republi-
can convention there.

The members of the national committee
will assemble to-day to fix upon the call,
and to-morrow vote for the place where the
convention will be held. Many con-
ferences were held last night.

Not only is the fight for the convention,
but for control of the organization. The
Taft people want Kansas City chosen.
The anti-Taft people want Chicago. Sev-
eral practiced hands were busy yesterday
framing a programme for the committee.
They are the next friends of the field of
candidates opposing Secretary Taft, and
if their plans go through to-day, the ma-
chinery of the committee, which be-
comes the machinery of the convention, will
be used, as one of them expressed it, "to
assure a square deal to all concerned, and
prevent the Taft crowd from hogging
things."

Meet in Dick's Room.

Negotiations of several days crystallized
yesterday afternoon in Senator Dick's
committee room in the Capitol. He is
next friend of the Fairbanks boom, which
was represented by Senator Hemenway,
of Indiana. John R. Malloy, the Foraker
manager, was within call. Representa-
tive Lowden, supporter of the Cannon
boom; John W. Yerkes, of Kentucky; Senator
Crane, of Massachusetts, and Charles F.
Brooker, of Connecticut, nearly all com-
mitteemen, were present part of the
time. They favor Chicago as the con-
vention city. Eastern men dislike going
as far West as Kansas City or Den-
ver, they say.

But far more vital, in the minds of the
men who met in Senator Dick's room, is
the selection of the subcommittee on ar-
rangements. It is customary to name
such a committee to look after the ar-
rangements for the convention, to see to
the selection of the little army of con-
vention employees, to distribute the tickets
to the galleries, and to attend to a
great number of more or less important
matters.

Anti-Taft Men Busy.

The personnel of the subcommittees
that hear the contests is likewise of large
moment when there is great rivalry
among a prominent field of Presidential
candidates. The selection of a temporary
chairman and other convention of-
ficers is another part of strategic con-
sequence. The anti-Taft men are giving
attention to these things this early be-
cause the action of the national com-
mittee during these two days will have
a bearing, directly or indirectly, on all
these things.

Up to dinner time last night everything
looked like Kansas City, when Denver
announced that the climate there is the
best ever in June; that the city is just
completing a new municipal auditorium
which will seat 14,000 people, and promises
ample hotel accommodations. The city
has voted \$25,000 for the convention, the
county \$15,000. Contributions, among them
\$25,000 from Senator Guggenheim, bring
the total pledged the committee by Lieut.
Gov. Hartger \$100,000.

Kansas City Has \$75,000.

Kansas City has a seating capacity in
their coliseum of something like 16,000;
has three certified checks aggregating \$75,-
000, and also boasts of a delightful climate
in June.

Last night Col. Lowden telephoned Chi-
cago and got assurance the city will fur-
nish the half, pay the expenses of the sub-
committee on arrangements, and, it is be-
lieved, the \$75,000 promised will leave a
tiny little sum on the right side of the
ledger after the convention is held. This
proposition was submitted after Mr. Low-
den had been in conference with the anti-
Taft men, who want a square deal for all.
The claim is made that the Kansas City
papers are all so pro-Taft that it would
hardly be fair to the other candidates.

Outside of political preferences, many
delegates prefer Chicago, because it is
more centrally located, and because it is
a larger city, where there can be no trou-
ble about obtaining accommodations.

June 2 or 9 is the date most favored for
the holding of the convention, but it was
discovered last night that there are State
primary laws providing for the election of
delegates that conflict with this. In Iowa
the date for the primaries would fall on
June 3. There is a primary law in Wis-
consin and Minnesota, but the latter
State has no funds for such an election
available until September.

Dislike Wisconsin Law.

Wisconsin has a law governing the
number of delegates—four at-large and
two from each Congressional district.
Members of the committee say it is un-
constitutional in that it usurps the juris-
diction of the committee.

The committee has a rule which pro-
vides that the State delegates, exclud-
ing delegates-at-large, will be elected in
each State in accordance with the pro-
visions for nominating candidates for
Congress. Under the rule it would be
necessary apparently for the Republicans
in States which have primary laws to

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THE NEW MEMBER.



TROOPS IN GOLDFIELD

Gen. Funston Sends 1,000 Sol-
diers to the Mines.

ENTIRE CITY IS UNDER ARMS

Conflict Believed Imminent, and
Western Federation of Miners Is
Determined to Win—Nevada Has No
National Guard, Hence Call for
Troops—President Gives Approval.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 5.—Gov. Sparks this
afternoon received an urgent message
from the Goldfield mine owners asking
him to demand that troops be sent to
that place. This message Gov. Sparks
transmitted to Gen. Funston, and word
came from Funston that two regiments,
about one thousand men in all, would
leave San Francisco for Goldfield to-
morrow morning.

The situation in Goldfield is this: The
mine owners are ready to import non-
union men, but they wish troops to be
on hand to protect these men. Otherwise
they know that lawless union strikers
would kill any of the imported force they
could reach.

The union miners are known to have
500 rifles, and last night they stole a
large quantity of powder from the Booth
Mine. Only a strong show of force by
the military will prevent a repetition of
the Cripple Creek and Coeur d'Alene
outrages.

City Is Under Arms.

Goldfield to-night is under arms. Con-
flict between the striking miners and the
townspeople is believed to be imminent.
The mine owners to-day reiterated their
determination not to resume operations
until the Western Federation agitators
have been driven out. The Federation is
preparing to make its last stand here in
the struggle for existence.

Mining camps in other parts of the
State are in accord with the operators
here. The situation is made more grave
here by the fact that Nevada has no
National Guard, and the local peace of-
ficers are too few in numbers to cope
with the trouble.

Denver, Dec. 5.—William D. Haywood,
secretary-treasurer of the Western Fed-
eration of Miners, to-day said: "The
miners at Goldfield have been fair, and I
cannot conceive how Federal troops could
be called. I have just returned from
Goldfield."

Orders Troops Sent.

President Roosevelt last night, at the
formal request of Gov. Sparks, of Ne-
vada, ordered United States troops sent
to Goldfield, where some 10,000 miners
went on strike on Monday. The situation
there has been critical for several days,
and an outbreak of violence has been
expected at any moment.

On receipt of Gov. Sparks' request, or-
ders were issued by the War Department
directing Gen. Funston to hurry to Gold-
field a sufficient number of men to deal
with the situation. Gen. Funston has
been in touch with affairs at Goldfield
for several days, and the War Depart-
ment has left to his discretion the size
of the force to be sent.

MAURETANIA BREAKS RECORD.

Turbiner Beats Lusitania's Time
Eastward by Twenty Minutes.

Queenstown, Dec. 5.—The steamship
Mauretania arrived off Daunt's Rock at
5:59 o'clock this evening. The time of her
passage was 4 days 22 hours and 29 min-
utes. She beat the Lusitania's eastern
record by 20 minutes. Her average speed
was 23.69 knots an hour.

The distance covered was 2,307 nautical
miles. The Mauretania passed Sandy
Hook lightship at 2:25 p. m. Saturday,
running 400 knots up to noon on Sunday.
The day's runs thereafter were as fol-
lows: 548, 533, 536, 554, and from noon to-day
until the passing of Daunt's Rock, 124
knots. The average for the Lusitania was
22.62.

The mails which the Mauretania was
bringing for Liverpool will be delivered
in London in time to be answered by
Saturday's American-bound steamer.

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LOVE COSTS HER \$49,500.

Widow Becomes Bride and Then
Settles Damage Suit.

Utica, Dec. 5.—An action brought by
Alice R. Storin, of Carthage, widow of
Ernest Storin for \$50,000 damages for her
husband's death last spring at Wana-
kena, due to the explosion of a locomotive
belonging to the Carthage and Adirondacks
Railroad was settled to-day for the
sum of \$500.

On Thanksgiving Day the widow of but
a few months was married. This action
prompted the attorneys to settle for just
one-hundredth part of the original claim.

DIES AT AGE OF 105.

John Spavin's Faculties Almost Un-
impaired to the Last.

Utica, Dec. 5.—John Spavin, who had
lived the simple life for 105 years, died
to-day in Vernon. He was a man of
exceptional mental attainment, and pre-
served to the last his faculties almost
entirely unimpaired.

Mr. Spavin was 102 years old before
he found it necessary to use glasses
when reading. During all his years he
was most abstemious in his use of
liquors and tobacco. He was a native
of England.

STEEPLEJACK FACES DEATH

Suspended 190 Feet in the Air Until
He Is Nearly Frozen.

Cleveland Firemen Rescue Arthur
O'Donnell from Perilous Po-
sition on Church Spire.

Cleveland, Dec. 5.—Arthur O'Donnell, of
New Rochelle, N. Y., stared death in the
face this afternoon while for three hours
struggled to free him from his
trap rope sent 190 feet in the air, where he
hung suspended from the spire of Our
Lady of Lourdes Church.

Finally, just as the clocks were striking
6, the firemen gouged a hole in the steeple
and released the line, which had become
entangled in a cornice of the church after
O'Donnell had descended three feet and
prevented his further descent.

He was almost frozen stiff when he at-
tempted the descent at 3 o'clock, having
been in the air since 11 o'clock this morn-
ing, gilding the cross on the spire. As the
rope caught he jerked and pulled, only to
find himself tightly held.

Patrolman Hill, far below, heard a whis-
per "Send help." He gazed above, saw
O'Donnell's plight, and summoned the
firemen. Ladders proved unavailing,
climbing was tried futilely, and O'Donnell's
instructions proved of no use.

Just after 5 o'clock, O'Donnell whis-
pered: "I can't stick it out much longer."
Then the firemen tore the great hole in
the steeple and lowered the frail seat, in
which O'Donnell waved back and forth,
almost unconsciously. As the seat touched
the earth before a crowd of thousands,
O'Donnell collapsed. He was stiff from
cold and seemed as one dead as he was
borne into the engine house. Restora-
tives gave him speech.

"I've been in that fix four or five times
before," he said, "but escape was always
easier. I might have slid down the fall
line, but it meant danger of death on the
pavement if I slipped. I was almost
frozen before I started down, or I would
have slid when I saw you could not get
me right down."

WOMAN ACTS STRANGELY.

Richly Dressed, She Is Arrested on
Charge of Intoxication.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 5.—After caus-
ing considerable sensation by her eccen-
tric acts during the past twenty-four
hours, a woman who is believed to be a
member of a prominent family is in jail
to-night, having been arrested this
afternoon on a charge of intoxication.

Rare Furnishings at Auction.

A catalogue sale of rare articles of virtu
is now in progress at the Sloan Gal-
leries, 1407 G street daily at 11 a. m. and
3 p. m., comprising are mahogany furni-
ture, plate, silver, china, ornaments, art-
and scientific books, Persian rugs and
carpets, oil paintings, bric-a-brac, curios,
etc., offering a rare chance to secure de-
sirable pieces for holiday presents.

RAILWAYS FAVOR
WATERWAYS PLANJames J. Hill Among Most
Earnest Advocates.

DEMANDED BY TRADE

Railroads Unable to Keep Up
with Increasing Traffic.

Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, at
Night Session Makes Ringing
Speech at River and Harbor Con-
gress Urging Deepening of the
Mississippi—Gov. Glenn, Gov. Cum-
mins, and President Finley Speak.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

9 A. M.
John A. Fair, special director, annual report.
J. P. Ellison, secretary and treasurer, an-
nual report.
Report of committee on nominations.
Report of committee on resolutions.
Short talks by delegates. Chairman will
call States in alphabetical order.
SPECIAL: 2 P. M. The New Will-
ard, 2 p. m., for the purpose of calling on
the President; reception, 2:30 p. m. Every
delegate to the convention is earnestly re-
quested to attend this reception.

Addresses by men of prominence who
represented every section of the United
States marked the three sessions held
by the National Rivers and Harbors Con-
gress convention in the assembly hall of
the New Willard Hotel yesterday. The
speakers included governors of States,
presidents of large railroad companies,
and others who had the cause of the im-
provement of inland waterways at heart.
All of them were enthusiastically received
by the delegates.

James J. Hill, president of the Great
Northern Railroad Company, was the
chief speaker at the afternoon session.
Mr. Hill said that the railroads are now
unequal to the demands upon them. He
said that the country must now employ
its greatest waterway as an important
part of the transportation system of the
country. Unless commerce can have an
adequate channel, he continued, it must
decline. It has developed during the cur-
rent year, he said, that the railroads
alone will not be able to handle the na-
tion's commerce, and in seeking ampler
ways for traffic the country turns to its
waterways for relief. Continuing, he said:

Wants Great Water Trunk Line.

"Nature indicates that the commerce of
the Middle West with the rest